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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Jones et al.)
Continuation of) Examiner: Not Assigned
Filing Date: 11/18/98)
For: SOFT HIGHLY ABSORBENT PAPER) Group Art Unit No.: Not Assigned
PRODUCT CONTAINING KETENE)
DIMER SIZING AGENTS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a Preliminary Amendment to the above-referenced patent application, which is filed concurrently herewith.

In the Specification:

In the Specifications, please insert as the first line on page 1 the following:

--This is a continuation of serial number 09/195,579 filed 11/18/98 the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference--

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1.(Amended) A soft highly absorbent tissue product comprising long [and short] paper making fibers and a ketene dimer sizing agent.